





THE PANTHER POST



“Sponsored by The New Lexington 21st Century After School Programs.”

Better World Club Hat Day



Students in the middle school sport crazy hats to raise money for a community project.



FFA Banquet @ the Middle School



The Middle School Parli Pro team is headed to Nationals in October. From the left: Macie Lynn Funk, Laura Scholl, Kelcee Essman, Jaida Carroll, Rob Brokaw, Nikki Woods, Hannah Spurgus, Blake Elliot, (Dominic Bowersock and Paul Coey not pictured)



Mr. Brokaw address the audience and shares the successes of the program at the middle school during the 2016 2017 school year. Dominic Bowersock and Paul Coey are prepared to help distribute awards.



Jenna Howdyshell, Jacob Dold, Logyn Ratliff, Avery Jones, Alex Richardson Hannah Spurgus, Bailee Agriesti, Nikki Wood, Taylor Curson, Olivia Crooks (not pictured) The Morning News Crew brings the morning news to New Lex Middle School every morning. They produce a PowerPoint presentation and record a video each day to share with the students and staff.



Mrs. Taundra Householder's students prepared quite the brunch for guests attending the Flag Retirement Ceremony. Representative Larry Householder and guests were a part of the ceremony at the high school. Inside Mr. Householder shared with us the meaning of the many different flags flown in the history of Ohio and the United States.



The Signing Patriots, under the direction of Kay Stickdorn perform for guests during our Flag Retirement Ceremony. We are proud of these young people! They serve with graciousness and pride.



MIDDLE SCHOOL READING CONTEST



These students have been reading 14 books since September and will compete in a competition in April against other schools. They are working very hard, but the work isn't over yet!



Students from Kay Stickdorn's class, Representative Larry Householder, and Assistant Principal, James Stutzman retire the old United States flag and raise a new one.



Ohio Representative Larry Householder and Sheriff William R. Barker Share various flags with the audience and discuss the significance of each.

FFA Week Fundraiser



Mr. Thorngate helped raise the most money for Children's Hospital~! Students placed coins in the buckets with the names of principals. The principal with the most money had to kiss the pig! Carrie Kallaus from the High School was a great sport and brought her piggy for Mr. Thorngate to kiss. He did this three times during the day!



Life Is Cool After School

The Project Y.O.U. elementary programs are actively involved in Project Based Learning. Project Based Learning (PBL) is a method of learning through identifying a real-world problem, developing its solution and presenting results using a multimedia approach. They gain knowledge and skills by investigating, collaborating and creating. PBL is student-led and more engaging. The afterschool students have completed three PBL themes and are finishing up the year with a fourth theme.

The first project was “How is our life different than that of the Native Americans?” The students researched Native American jobs, homes, clothing, food, and transportation. Steve Free, a Native American storyteller visited the program and discussed Native American culture. After creating posters, 3-D models and displays, the students shared what they learned during our recent family night.

“Christmas Around the World” was the next PBL project. A fictional character named Globe Trot Scott introduced students to different countries and how each country celebrated Christmas. The students prepared and tasted food, created lanterns and ornaments, did a sandman craft, played the Dreidel game, made gingerbread men, created secret napkin notes and played

drums. To culminate, students and their families attended Wild Lights at the Columbus Zoo in December.

Since students were enamored with the zoo, the next project was “Design A Zoo”. Students explored the role of zoo keepers and jobs at the zoo. Students researched zoo animals and created aviaries, aquariums and swamps. Each student chose their favorite zoo animal and developed a 3-D display and a poster of facts about their animal. At Family Night, projects were displayed and students completed crafts and games with their families.

Our final project is investigating the Solar System. The theme kicked off with Professor George Eberts from Ohio University's Astrology Department. His presentation about planets was enjoyed by all. Students will be creating 3-D models, building with recyclable materials and constructing booklets. They will also be writing and recording commercial skits to convince others to visit their planet. Students will create their own props for the puppet shows that they are writing. A culminating event is being planned for the end of April.

As you can see, PBL utilizes a student's critical thinking skills and encourages creativity. It is engaging for all.



Professor Eberts teaches kids about the solar system and telescopes. Professor Eberts teaches astronomy at Ohio University in Athens. The telescope had a mirror inside of it. He told them about the difference between the telescopes.



Ryan Lewellyn is working on his zoo project. Each student is making a model of an animal habitat for our zoo project. The projects were displayed during afterschool family night. Student Reporter: Lauren Penrod, NLE



George Eberts is an Astronomy professor from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. He is teaching us about space. He told us that there is a mirror inside the telescope. He showed us pictures of space like the Sun and the Milkyway, the 7 sisters, and of all the planets circling around in space.

Student Reporter, NLE: Jalyn Saffell



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Orange & Black Boosters Meeting Sunday, April 9

The New Lexington Orange & Black Boosters will meet Sunday, April 9, 2017 in the high school Media Center at 7:00 PM.

Anyone interested in being an Orange & Black Booster member is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Panther athletics and other upcoming events will be addressed.



We made habitats for marine life, too!

